Please replace the paragraph on page 7, line 15 to page 8, line 3, with the following:

Wall **12** is preferably provided with a plurality of outwardly protruding extensions **18**. Although, extensions **18** may extend from top rim **14** of wall **12** or at substantially any position between top rim **14** and a bottom rim **13**, extensions **18** are preferably disposed in close proximity to bottom rim **13**. Extensions **18** protrude outwardly a sufficient length to enable contact with brew basket **50** (see Fig. 4). It is preferable that extensions **18** are flexibly attached to wall **12** so that extensions **18** may move relative to wall **12**. By flexibly connecting extensions **18** to wall **12**, extensions **18** may pivot relative to wall **12** until to the top of device **10** sits below the top rim **51** of beverage brewing basket **50**, while remaining above the brewing ingredients. The flexing area of extensions **18** are preferably designed to allow for maximum flexing with minimum force, without fracturing. Extensions **18** may be initially set perpendicular or at an angle relative to wall **12**. Extensions **18** are preferably formed of the same or similar material as wall **12**. Furthermore, extensions **18** are preferably integrally formed with wall **12**.

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Please replace the paragraph on page 9, line 12 to page 10, line 1, with the following:

As shown in FIG. 5, filter medium **20** is most preferably a composite structure formed by an adsorbent supporting web substrate **71** having a surface **82** fused to a mixture of adsorbent particles **84** and binder particles **76**. Adsorbent particles **84** are coalesced or fused together by binder particles **76**, which are interposed therebetween. Also, some of the binder particles are fused to surface **82**. The composite structure is preferably obtained according to the method described in United States Patent No. 5,792,513, issued on August 11, 1998, which is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference. As described therein, a mixture of adsorbent particles **84** and binder particles **76** is applied to part or all of surface **82**, thereby producing a loose powder coating on surface

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82. The loose powder coating is heated to at least the Vicat softening temperature of binder particles **76**, but below the melting temperature of adsorbent supporting substrate **71** and adsorbent particles **84**. Pressure is applied to web substrate **71** to cause the softened binder particles to coalesce, or fuse together, adsorbent particles **84**, as well as adhere adsorbent particles **84** to adsorbent supporting web substrate **71**.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, line 3 to line 8, with the following:

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Filtration medium **20** comprises an adsorbent supporting web substrate **71** that may be formed preferably using non-woven fibrous materials, such as the spun-bonded polyesters and polyolefins. Woven substrates may also be used. Furthermore, adsorbent supporting web substrate **71** may optionally be formed using cellulosic materials, such as paper, or a combination of cellulosic and thermoplastic fibers.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, line 14 to page 11, line 3, with the following:

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Referring to FIG. 6, a filter medium 20 can be modified to include an overlying web substrate **88**, which could be formed of materials similar to supporting web substrate **71**. Overlying web substrate **88** has a surface **80** facing coated surface **82** of adsorbent supporting web substrate **71**. Adsorbent particles **84** may also be adhered to surface **80** of overlying web substrate **88** by binder particles **76**. The fusing of adsorbent particles **84**, supporting substrate **71**, and overlying web substrate **88** can be accomplished according to the disclosure in United States Patent No. 5,792,513. Essentially, after applying the mixture of adsorbent and binder particles to the surface of adsorbent supporting web substrate **70** to produce a powder coating covering at least a portion thereof, as described above, overlying web substrate **88** is applied over both adsorbent supporting web substrate **71** and the powder coating thereon. Heat and pressure

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is applied to adsorbent supporting web substrate **71** and overlying web substrate **88** to soften binder particles **76**. The softened binder particles coalesce, or fuse together, adsorbent particles **84**, as well as adhere adsorbent particles **84** to web substrates **71, 88**.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 5 to 16, with the following:

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Both the adsorbent supporting web substrate **71** and the overlying web substrate **88** may provide supplemental particulate filtration. For example, filter medium **20** can reduce certain waterborne oocysts when web substrate **71** and overlying web substrate **88** are composed of a fine hydrophilic particulate filter medium, potentially combined with adsorbents such as activated carbon and heavy metal adsorbing zeolites. Co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/140,924, filed August 27, 1998, and assigned to the assignee hereof describes a low flow resistance composite filter medium for capturing at least 99.95 percent of particulates of a size in the 3 to 4 micron range, such as oocysts, and dissolved chemical contaminants from a fluid that can be used as a high flow rate filter medium in the present invention. The subject matter of that application incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 15, 16, and 24 through 37.

1. (Amended) A device for use with a compartment having a wall member, said compartment housing beverage ingredients, said device comprising:

means for removing contaminants from a liquid, said means for removing ~~adapted to be~~being releasably supported upon asaid wall member of asaid compartment ~~having beverage ingredients~~, wherein said removing means is separated from ~~the~~said ingredients.